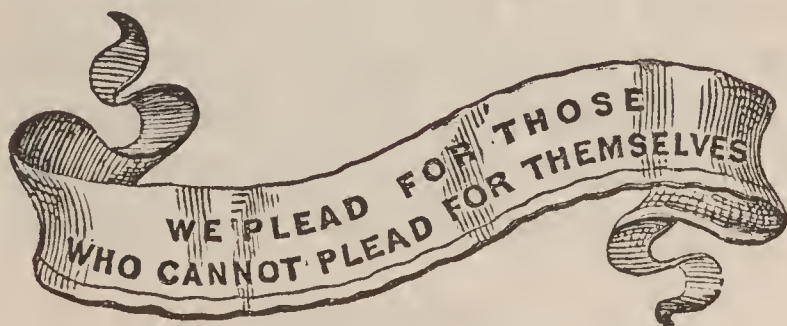


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REPORT—1865.

THE Board of Management are again enabled to address their Constituents in the language of congratulation, and to give a cheerful and encouraging account of the past year. In conformity with their promise, they admitted FORTY children in October last: to-day THIRTY more will be added.

The present number is 404, and but for want of space, to which subject the attention of the Subscribers will be called in another portion of this Report, the numbers would be still larger.

The health of the inmates has been unusually good, the mortality being considerably less than that of the average rate throughout the United Kingdom; a subject of thankfulness, and also a testimony of the kind supervision, judicious treatment, and constant attention bestowed upon them.

The friends of the inmates frequently express their gratification at the improvement effected in their physical and mental condition. One left for a holiday, and his father, delighted to find him so altered for the better, said his son no longer required the training of Earlswood, and he would now join his brothers at a boarding school.

The Annual Subscriptions daily increase as the Society becomes known, and in no one instance has a subscription been discontinued from dissatisfaction, affording a strong proof of confidence in the management, and appreciation of the manner in which the Institution is conducted. The numerous visitors to the Asylum depart with expressions of delight and gratification, and many enrol themselves as regular contributors.

The Legacies form a considerable item in the receipts ; several of them being contingent, will not of course be realized for some time ; and while on this subject the Board respectfully ask the attention of those friends who have made, or propose to make, in the distribution of their property, a provision for this Charity, to the " Form of Bequest " prefixed to this Report, as, from some informality in the description of the Institution, unpleasant and expensive litigation has been in several instances incurred.

The following have been announced during the year.

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| Mrs. Hill Morgan | £2,000 |
| Miss Rebecca Yerbury | 1,000 |
| Miss Julia O. Brodie..... | 200 |
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| Mrs. Sophia W. Lumsden..... | One-tenth of Residue. |

The Board gratefully acknowledge a second liberal donation of £200 from the Corporation of the City of London, and the munificent gift of £400 from Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, of Bombay, through the kind agency of R. W. Crawford, Esq., M.P.

An old and valued friend of the Charity, who, a few years since made eleven of his children and grandchildren Life Governors of Fifty guineas each, recently sent the following letter, which, by his kind permission, the Board gladly print:—

“ DEAR SIR,

“ The enclosed cheque for 100 guineas is to make two more of my grand-children Life Governors (fifty guineas each) of your useful and truly valuable Institution. They have now arrived at an age to partially comprehend, if they cannot fully appreciate a gift, which it is happily my privilege and great pleasure to bestow for your immediate benefit, and to inaugurate in them a future personal interest,

far exceeding mine, in your Charity, for the benefit of their poorer brethren under affliction of the most distressing character.

“I beg to offer my testimony to the prudent, liberal, and unexceptionable character of its conduct and management.

“*To the Secretary of*
“*The Idiot Asylum.*”

The REV. EDWIN SIDNEY, whose most interesting “Visits” and “Lectures” prove so eminently beneficial to the Institution, has added to the obligations of the Board and the Subscribers, by pleading for the cause at Birmingham, where a large audience assembled in the magnificent Town Hall to listen to his graphic accounts of Earlswood. He was ably supported by the Mayor, LORD LYTTELTON, the Rector, DR. MILLER, and the leading Ministers of the various denominations. The beneficial results, although not so large as those of Liverpool, were gratifying; to the worthy Mayor, WILLIAM HOLLIDAY, Esq., the Board desire to express their thanks, for his kindness in presiding, and for his generous hospitality to Mr. SIDNEY, Mr. NICHOLAS; and the Speakers of the evening. Several cases have been since admitted from the Town, and others are now seeking your assistance.

The great event of the year has been the extinction of the debt of £9,700. This, as is well known, was

effected by Collecting Purses, direct contributions, and two Bazaars. Their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales, honoured the Bazaar at the Hanover Square Rooms with their presence, and made most liberal purchases.

The Prince, in reply to a solicitation from the Treasurer, Mr. ALDERMAN ABBISS, said he should have great pleasure in laying the first stone of an additional wing to the Building when required. So numerous were the contributions, that, notwithstanding large sales during three days, a considerable quantity was left, and by the renewed liberality of the Corporation, the Guildhall, with its decorations, &c., for the Lord Mayor's Banquet, was granted for a second Bazaar. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress honoured it with their presence, and nearly £1,000 were realized. By these means the debt has been entirely removed, all the attendant expenses defrayed, and the sum of £1,057 added to the General Fund. To the Lady Subscribers, and all who in any way assisted in this great achievement, the Board beg to render their grateful acknowledgments.

The recent Anniversary Festival, ably presided over by Sir FRANCIS HENRY GOLDSMID, Bart., M.P., was very successful, the sum announced exceeded £2,000, towards which the estimable Chairman contributed £100.

To Miss GROVE and other benevolent Ladies, the Board are under renewed obligations for the very valuable services they render the Charity, the large amounts they are the means of raising for the Institution, and for the acceptable gifts of articles for the inmates.

The Summer *Fête* proved very attractive ; several hundred visitors were present, and a most interesting account of it, written by the Rev. EDWIN SIDNEY, has been published and much admired. It is the intention of the Board to repeat the *Fête* annually, and this year to add to its attractions by exposing the residue of the articles left unsold at the last Bazaar for sale, by which it is hoped a considerable sum will be obtained. The Brighton Railway Company on these occasions most liberally grant a reduction of fares.

The Commissioners in Lunacy in their Annual Report, amongst other approving remarks, make the following :—

“ We have to-day inspected every part of this Institution ; have examined personally all the inmates, and have had satisfaction in observing the progress generally made. Much has been done during the past year to improve the grounds and offices, as well as to add to the comforts indoors ; and though the Asylum has again been visited by a severe sickness, the rate of mortality from the disease

has not been large considering the numbers attacked. The arrangements to meet the difficulty appear to have been efficient, and enquiry into all the circumstances has satisfied us, that the conduct and self-denial of the attendants and officers of the Institution during the continuance of the epidemic were highly praiseworthy.

“ Though cleaning and painting are in progress we have to report favourably of the state in which we found the rooms generally throughout the Building.

“ We saw the Schools in operation to-day with much satisfaction. The shop-keeping lessons are now more thoroughly given by means of a large complete apparatus, and the system of combining bodily exercise and drill with the instruction given, seems to be worked more successfully. The children sing together also with good effect, and accompany with their voices the morning and evening prayers, a portion of every Thursday afternoon being now given to practising them in sacred music. The Monday evenings are still set apart for a general entertainment out doors, or in, as the weather may render necessary.

“ Of the personal habits of the children generally, the report appears to be favourable. Nearly all are found to be amenable to improvement, and we have still to speak with satisfaction of the superior character of the attendants, especially of those in both divisions who have the chief directions.

“ Upon the whole, our impression of the condition

and prospects of this Institution is favourable in a high degree.

(Signed) "JOHN FORSTER,
"JAMES WILKES."

In order that the Subscribers may more thoroughly be acquainted with the financial condition of the Charity and the value of its property, it has been determined on this and future occasions, to publish the Profit and Loss account, and the Assets and Liabilities, instead of the mere Receipts and Expenditure. The real value of the estate of 145 acres and several cottages, is considerably beyond the sum specified, which represents the original cost of purchases, together with the improvements effected.

A parent of one of the Payment Pupils has offered £5 (as a thank-offering) towards the purchase of an Organ to assist the morning and evening and Sunday services. It is hoped that this desirable acquisition may be made solely by the friends of the Payment cases; it will greatly add to the interest of the worship, and be a permanent memento of the regard in which they hold the Institution.

The Asylum now contains 404 inmates, a larger number than that for which it was constructed. It is almost full, and a slight addition has been made to receive the cases for another year. It is desirable

that the building should be very considerably enlarged ; the Board have seriously deliberated on the subject, and they wish to double the capacity of the building so as to receive 800 inmates—a number that competent authorities allow can be managed most efficiently and economically.

The Asylum is so arranged as to admit of this enlargement at a much smaller proportionate cost than even the present erection.

When the enlargement shall have been made, a greater number of children can be admitted at each election, and the Board will be better enabled to meet the want which daily makes itself more painfully felt.

The Board commit this proposition to the kind and serious consideration of the Subscribers, whose past and present benevolence and liberal support, encourage them to feel that funds will not be wanting in the future ; that the great work which God has so signally blessed will yet more widely extend ; and that Earlswood will, as the National and Model Asylum, afford its protection and training to larger numbers, and cause many more afflicted ones to rejoice.

REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

THE year which has passed has been characterized by the largest accession to the number of the inmates of Earlswood, and probably by the greatest increase in the benefits dispensed. The year commenced with 365 inmates; it terminates with 404, of whom 281 are males, and 123 are females.

On the last two occasions your Superintendent had the painful duty of commenting on the serious epidemics which had visited the establishment; epidemics, however, not depending on a want of sanitary conditions, but on the influence of contagion on a susceptible population. This year, on the contrary, he has the satisfaction of being able to state that the health of Earlswood has exceeded that of almost any locality in the kingdom. This has been especially noticeable the last six months of the year; a period during which the mortality of England has reached six per thousand above the ordinary average, while at Earlswood it has been lower than at any period since the commencement of the Charity.

The last Report referred to the completion of the Wash-house and Laundry. To these have been added a spacious enclosed drying-ground with suitable fittings, and there is now in progress the erection of the western end of the Laundry, which will comprise rooms for the reception, sorting, airing, and distribution of the linen, together with ample accommodation for the domestics employed on the Laundry staff.

During the past year another corridor has been added to the eastern wing of the building, to correspond with one erected a few years since at the western extremity. Advantage has been taken of this structural alteration to obtain a basement corridor, as well as spacious dormitories. The removal of the boilers to the new Laundry has furnished a cellar for the reception of 300 tons of coal, a provision which will very materially assist the efficient as well as the economical working of the establishment. The corridors will prove valuable adjuncts to the day accommodation as play-rooms for the male inmates, and will also furnish routes of communication with other parts of the building.

The increase in the number of the inmates having overtaxed the capabilities of the original oven accommodation, and rendered the due execution of the daily diet orders impracticable, an additional oven has been erected, which while meeting the present as well as the future requirements of the Institution, per-

mits the baking of bread to be conducted separately from the general cooking of the establishment.

A butcher's shop has been built at the north of the basement corridor, for the purpose of storing and salting meat. Care has been taken that it should be placed in a cool position, and that its ventilation should be perfect. This erection will place the punctual working of the establishment less at the mercy of delayed trains and other casualties.

The farm still continues a source of profit to the Institution, as well as a means of benefit to the patients employed thereon. During the past year plans have been adopted for the utilization of the entire sewage of the establishment on some of the grass land of the farm. The benefit derived therefrom during the drought of last summer was immense, and enabled the supply of milk to be kept up when neighbouring farmers were severely taxed to provide provender for their stock. Another field which is suitably situated has been laid down for grass in order to increase the area of irrigation. It is contemplated that in this way the increasing milk consumption of the establishment will be profitably met. Steps will at the same time be taken to restore to the land the salts removed with the grass, and which the sewage fails to supply.

Your Superintendent feels it his duty to announce that the Asylum at Earlswood is nearly full. Originally designed for 400 patients, the capacity of the

building would have been ere this exhausted but for various additions and alterations, which have been from time to time reported. These have rendered it capable of containing about 445. The thirty patients elected this day will make the number 423, allowing for those whose term of residence now expires. It is, therefore, evident that some definite line of policy should be determined on with reference to the future of the Institution. Any augmentation beyond the number specified above would be prejudicial to the health of the inmates, and entail the evil results of over-crowding. With large numbers always seeking admission to the benefits of the Asylum, with a staff accustomed to the work, and an organization the result of long experience and a painstaking regard to the requirements of the special objects of your care, it appears desirable that the Institution should be expanded to the utmost limit consistent with its healthy working and efficient superintendence.

The success of Earlswood has directed the attention of philanthropic men in all parts of the Kingdom to the claims of the Idiot, and has tended to the initiation of several Institutions in various localities ; and every assistance in the way of suggestion and encouragement has been given to their originators. It would, however, be wrong in a politico-economical point of view to limit the Charity to its present size, and thus necessitate the establishment of other institutions. Every such Institution will have to gain its

experience in a costly way, and will need the multiplication of machinery greatly in excess of what would be required by an enlargement of Earlswood.

The recent purchase of six acres of land at the back of the Asylum, which were previously held on lease has rendered practicable a scheme of enlargement formerly impossible. The addition of workshops to the east-end of the Laundry, which has always been in contemplation; the extension of the east and west wings of the present building, with the addition of a north front, would present means for affording accommodation to twice the present number of inmates. This extension could be effected gradually, as the funds of the Charity warranted. Such an establishment would be within the limits of efficient working, would diminish the annual cost per head, would permit greater refinement in classification, and would not be larger than the grounds and estate of Earlswood might advantageously accommodate.

Additional means of instruction have been introduced into the Girls' School. Efforts have been successfully used to make the teaching of domestic work a part of the School lessons. Bedmaking, scrubbing and processes of daily life are systematically taught, and afford agreeable diversion from the more strictly scholastic work. It is hoped that considerable benefit will result therefrom.

The amusements of summer and winter have been carried out with much spirit. The Monthly Winter

Concerts continue sources of great pleasure. The love of music is almost universal among the inmates, and the efforts of the Staff in this direction have been amply rewarded by the delight which they have been able to inspire.

The Entertainment at Christmas was not only a source of temporary pleasure, it had a powerful influence in stimulating the lethargic, and in calling into activity the faculties of memory and imitation to a large degree.

Your Superintendent desires to acknowledge the assistance afforded him by the Staff of Officers and servants in his efforts to raise the Asylum to a state of such efficiency as to render it a worthy model for others.

J. LANGDON H. DOWN, M.D., LOND.,

Resident Physician and Superintendent.

April.

APPENDIX.

NUMBERS OF THE PATIENTS EMPLOYED IN INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS :—

| MALES. | | | |
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| Carpenters | 14 | Household Work | 18 |
| Shoemakers | 15 | Laundry | 6 |
| Mat Weavers, and Helpers | | | <hr/> |
| in Mat Shops | 83 | | 191 |
| Basket Maker..... | 1 | FEMALES. | |
| Tailors | 29 | Household Work | 18 |
| Farm and Garden..... | 24 | Needlework..... | 42 |
| Plumber | 1 | Repairing Clothing | 11 |
| | | Assistant Nurses | 2 |
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| | | Total..... | 264 |

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From December 31st, 1864

| 1864. | | | | | | | | | | £ | s. | d. |
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| Dec. 31. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| To Pupils account, Charge for the Year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7,815 | 5 | 6 |
| „ Annual Subscriptions | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,672 | 6 | 1 |
| „ Life | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,019 | 2 | 6 |
| „ Donations | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10,491 | 6 | 7 |
| „ Miscellaneous Receipts | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 536 | 1 | 0 |
| „ Legacies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,054 | 5 | 6 |
| „ Life Payment Cases | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 520 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Kitchen Garden | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 40 | 15 | 4 |
| „ Farm... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 408 | 9 | 0 |

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| 1864. | | | | | | | | | | ASSETS. | | | £ | s. | d. |
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| Dec. 31. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| To Pupils' Account, Amount due | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,032 | 17 | 6 | | | |
| „ S. E. Railway Stock (a Gift) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 450 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| „ Metropolitan Association Shares (a Gift) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 125 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| „ Cash at Bankers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,350 | 3 | 3 | | | |
| „ Ditto Deposit Account | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| „ Ditto with Secretary | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 5 | 11 | | | |
| „ Ditto with Steward | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 51 | 17 | 1 | | | |
| „ Goods in Workshops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 219 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| „ Timber in Stock | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 80 | 12 | 11 | | | |
| „ Building | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 57,899 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| „ Estate | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12,653 | 9 | 10 | | | |
| „ Plant and Machinery | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,159 | 4 | 5 | | | |
| „ Furniture, Earlswood | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6,396 | 14 | 9 | | | |
| „ Ditto, Office | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 129 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | £84,549 | 1 | 8 | | | |

December 31st, 1864.

| 1864. | | | | | | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|----------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|----|----|
| Dec. 31. | By Housekeeping Expenses for Board, Clothing, Coals, Washing, Medicinc, &c. ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9,406 | 5 | 7 |
| | „ Salaries of Officers, Earlswood and Office, Commission, and all Office Expenses... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,150 | 15 | 9 |
| | „ Wages—Attendants, Masters of Trades, and Servants ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 949 | 15 | 7 |
| | „ Furniture, including Bedding, Linen, Earthenware, Hardware, Fittings, &c. (Wear and Tear) ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 913 | 16 | 4 |
| | „ Repairs, Painting, Colouring, Varnishing, &c. ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 345 | 11 | 8 |
| | „ Printing Lists of Subscribers, Reports, Proxies, “Visits to Earlswood,” “Lectures,” &c... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 286 | 18 | 11 |
| | „ Stationery, Office and Asylum, School Books, &c. ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 155 | 5 | 6 |
| | „ Advertisements ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 331 | 17 | 5 |
| | „ Postage of Proxies, Reports, Circulars, Letters, &c. ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| | „ Carriage of Goods, Materials, and Travelling Expenses... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 207 | 3 | 4 |
| | „ Rates and Taxes ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 225 | 16 | 3 |
| | „ Law Expenses (Legacy) ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 127 | 6 | 8 |
| | „ Gas ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 172 | 4 | 2 |
| | „ Insurance ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 6 | 0 |
| | „ Expenses of Public Meeting, Birmingham ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 76 | 4 | 1 |
| | „ Workshops' Expenses ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 48 | 6 | 4 |
| | „ Rent, Office ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| | „ Funeral Expenses... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 75 | 8 | 8 |
| | „ Furniture, Office ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 | 8 | 6 |
| | „ Estate, Repairs of Roads, Paths, &c... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| | „ Miscellaneous Expenditure ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 166 | 8 | 10 |
| | „ Loans repaid ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9,700 | 0 | 0 |
| | „ Interest on Loans... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 315 | 8 | 5 |
| | „ Balance to Capital Account ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,457 | 3 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | | | £30,557 | 11 | 6 |

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| 1864. | | | | | | | | | £ | s. | d. |
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| Dec. 31. | By Life Payments received ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,642 | 10 | 0 |
| | „ Christmas Bills due ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,377 | 3 | 2 |
| | „ Capital Account ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 76,529 | 8 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | | | £84,549 | 1 | 8 |

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